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## **Unit 1 BCB Seminar Essay- Due Wednesday, January 13**

**Directions:** You will use what you learned from your BCB and from other people in the seminar to write an essay answering the question which is based on our year-long essential question. Your essay will be **one paragraph** long.

**Question:** Should a person always follow the rules? Explain.

### **FIRST, PLAN OUT YOUR ESSAY:**

To help you write the essay, first answer the question in a complete sentence. This will be your "thesis statement" or "argument." It will also be the first sentence of the essay.

Answer the question here in a complete sentence: Yes, a person should always follow the rules.

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Now that you have your thesis, you need to support it with evidence from the books. You must include specific evidence from the book you read AND from another person in the seminar. You must have 3 **PIECES OF EVIDENCE**. Make sure you also explain the evidence.

Evidence	
<p>First, use evidence from YOUR BCB:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Sam in my side of the mountain goes crazy talking with animals, like a falcon he names Frightful, because he broke the rules.  Explain: This shows that... if you break rules and don't listen to your parents, you will go crazy too. Being crazy is not good. He should have followed the rules and stayed with his family.</li></ol> <p>Next, use two pieces of evidence from the seminar (what other people said and from other BCB books)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Also, Michela read the book <i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i>. Karana also broke the rules and jumped off a ship.  Explain: This shows that... people who break the rules are willing to leave everything and everyone behind. That's crazy! Her brother was wrong to leave. She shouldn't have ruined her life by leaving her people.</li><li>3.</li></ol>	<p>To help you, these are the book club books (BCB) and their main characters:</p> <p><i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i>- Karana</p> <p><i>Never Say Die</i>- Nick</p> <p><i>A Week in the Woods</i>- Mark</p>

Explain: This shows that...	
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Now you are ready to write your essay! Don't forget:

1. The first sentence is your **thesis** that you already wrote on the other page.
2. After the first sentence, explain how you answer the question **using evidence from your book**.
  - a. Don't forget to say what book you read!
3. Next, explain evidence from the seminar.
  - a. Don't forget to say what book someone else read!

If you prefer to type the essay, you can, but you must share it with me on googledocs. Write your essay here:

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